

There are ways to protect lives: The flood insurance program and the taxpayer. The Two Floods bill would provide assistance to those who are most in danger to help them move to higher ground or to flood-proof their home. The money spent to move them from harm's way protects the lives of families that live by them and protects the health of the flood insurance program by ending the danger of repeated damage claims.

Putting people, their families, and their neighbors who try to save them at risk does them no favor. Encouraging people we know to suffer repeated loss and threat is a waste of more than taxpayers' money. The loss of property, business, and human life is a tragedy we can help prevent. I urge my colleagues to support reform of the national flood insurance program.

TRIBUTE TO FELIX TRINIDAD, A NATIVE SON OF PUERTO RICO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ), is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Felix "Tito" Trinidad, a native son of Puerto Rico, on his tremendous victory in the world welterweight title fight this past Saturday, September 18. Tito's victory over his talented and worthy opponent, Oscar De La Hoya, has touched off one of the largest and most passionate celebrations in the long and storied history of sports in Puerto Rico.

Both fighters brought impressive credentials to this bout. Each one was undefeated, with Trinidad having won 35 straight matches and De La Hoya 31 straight victories. Public interest for a bout between these two ran high and once the match was set, anticipation reached a fevered pitch; and the fans who watched this clash on Saturday night were treated to a tremendous spectacle.

De La Hoya fought confidently and appeared to have a lead midway through the fight, but Tito showed the heart of a champion by coming back to win the later rounds and, with them, the bout. His perseverance against a great opponent and the tenacity he showed in overcoming the deficit he faced was an inspiration for all of us.

Nowhere is Tito's victory appreciated more than in Puerto Rico. We are intensely proud of our native son who has brought us great honor. Even before his victory on Saturday, Tito was recognized as one of the heroes of the long and storied history of sports in Puerto Rico.

Of course, Puerto Rico's sports history focuses heavily on America's national pastime, baseball, a game that

Puerto Ricans have embraced with an unrivaled passion. Our heroes include the legendary Roberto Clemente, known as much for his acts of humanitarian compassion as for his baseball skills, and such current stars as Juan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez, Roberto and Sandy Alomar, Edgar Martinez, and Bernie Williams, to name a few.

Tito's victory on Saturday night adds another significant chapter to the great history of Puerto Ricans distinguishing themselves in the world of sports.

I hope other Members of this body will join me in congratulating Felix Trinidad on his great victory over his outstanding opponent, Oscar De La Hoya, on Saturday night. All of Puerto Rico is proud of you, Tito, and so are your fellow American citizens who saw your outstanding display of courage and tenacity. You show the true mettle of a champion, the stuff heroes are made of. You are an example to our youth in Puerto Rico and to all the youth across the Nation.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend David N. Morrell, St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Gracious and eternal God, as these men and women who have been elected by the people of this Nation to represent them gather today, we ask Your blessing upon them. Grant that they be open to Your divine will and the guidance of Your Holy Spirit as they discuss, debate, and decide the issues before them.

On this new day, guide the leadership, the Members, and their staff that their efforts for equality, justice, mercy, and compassion will bear fruit in this Nation and in Your world.

In faith and hope we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CALVERT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 20, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on September 16, 1999 at 3:10 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he transmits to the Congress proposed legislation entitled, the "Cyberspace Electronic Security Act of 1999."

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHLL.

CYBERSPACE ELECTRONIC SECURITY ACT OF 1999—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106-123)

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Government Reform and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit for your early consideration and speedy enactment a legislative proposal entitled the "Cyberspace Electronic Security Act of 1999" (CESA). Also transmitted herewith is a section-by-section analysis.

There is little question that continuing advances in technology are changing forever the way in which people live, the way they communicate with each other, and the manner in which they work and conduct commerce. In just a few years, the Internet has shown the world a glimpse of what is attainable in the information age. As a result, the demand for more and better access to information and electronic commerce continues to grow—among not just individuals and consumers, but also among financial, medical, and educational institutions, manufacturers and merchants, and State and local governments. This increased reliance on information and